

Village of Los Lunas



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Wastewater Treatment Plant Open House Set October 8

An open house will be held Friday, October 8, from 10 a.m. to noon for the public to view the improvements to the village's wastewater treatment system.

The event will be held at the wastewater treatment plant located at 1781 Heaton Loop Southeast at the south end of Carson Park.

The improvements to the wastewater treatment system were necessary because of the village's residential and commercial growth which required enhanced wastewater treatment to protect the Rio Grande and to comply with the village's wastewater discharge permit.

The discharge permit, issued by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), mandates the removal of pollutants from the wastewater discharged into the Rio Grande. As the village has grown, residences and businesses have produced more waste from daily activities such as showering, washing dishes and using toilets.

The new upgrade of the wastewater treatment system is the first since the mid-1990s.

The wastewater treatment system now consists of two plants, the original built in 1983 and the newly constructed one.

Generally the original plant now receives sewage flows from east of Highway 314 while the new plant receives flows from west of Highway 314. In designing the improvements, options to divert flows from either area into either plant were included which provides system redundancy.

The plant expansion is designed to meet the EPA standards for ammonia and also allows for additional growth. The new plant is currently capable of treating 900,000 gallons of water per day and that capacity can be doubled with minimal construction.

The public is encouraged to attend the open house on Friday, October 8, 10 a.m. to noon to see and understand how the village's wastewater treatment system works and provides the necessary service to everyone in the village.

— It's Here! — Work Scheduled Starting September 13 on Highway 314/Main Street

After several months spent moving electrical poles and performing other work which needed to be done before starting on improvements to the intersection of Highway 314 and Main Street, work is scheduled to begin September 13. Improvements include:

- Adding a right turn lane from westbound Main Street on to northbound Highway 314.
- Adding a right turn lane from northbound 314 on to eastbound Main Street.
- Creating two left turn lanes from northbound Highway 314 to westbound Main Street.
- Improving and lengthening the left turn lane from eastbound Main Street to northbound 314.
- Adding a right turn lane from southbound 314 to westbound Main Street.
- Creating two left turn lanes from southbound 314 to eastbound Main Street.
- The railroad crossing will be replaced on Main Street which will mean detours around that area during the installation of the crossing.

There may be other detours during the project.

Please be patient as the goal of these improvements is to create an intersection that will be easier to navigate, but this will take time and patience.



Work is scheduled to begin Sept. 13 on the improvements to the intersection of Highway 314 and Main Street.

Grant Buys Radar Devices for Village Police Officers

The Los Lunas Police Department has received an Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant of \$11,634 which will be used for a "Project Radar."

The money purchased nine state-of-the-art Raptor radar devices that give officers the ability to monitor traffic in front and behind their units. Police Chief Roy Melnick said that the radar units provide enhanced ways to better perform the duties of the police officers, thus increasing public safety.

The department purchased an additional nine Raptor radar units with department funds. Last year the department purchased three Raptor radar units with department funds and purchased one Lazertech laser radar with grant funding.

Traffic enforcement plays a vital role within the village, said Melnick. Valencia County has approximately 72,000 residents, many of whom travel through the Village of Los Lunas daily.

The public must be aware of the speed limit and follow it, pointed out Melnick.

Habitat for Humanity Offers Take Control of Your Money Classes

Habitat for Humanity of Valencia County, Inc., is offering a thirteen week class based upon the program of *New York Times* best-selling author Dave Ramsey of Financial Peace University.

Habitat for Humanity helps people help themselves and realize the dream and privilege of home ownership. With home ownership comes the responsibility for personal financial management, a skill that can be learned. Habitat requires training and education to acquire the skills of effective personal financial management.

As a community service, Habitat is offering this training to the residents of Los Lunas. You can learn:

- The step-by-step process for getting out of debt and staying out of debt.
- Creating a monthly spending plan that works.
- Setting financial goals and talking about money.
- Saving, investing and planning for your future.
- Unlocking the power of giving to change your community.

Classes starting in October. Call 839-3851 or email for more information at info@habitatvalencia.org.

PAY YOUR WATER BILL ONLINE —
Go To WWW.LOSLUNASNM.GOV

New Village Businesses

The following new businesses were recently issued licenses by the Village of Los Lunas. All addresses are Los Lunas and area codes are 505 unless otherwise noted.

Eagle Transportation Company, 18 Holiday Drive, 866-0233.

Lee-Sure Pools, Inc., 8509 Calle Alameda NE, Albuquerque, 345-6606.

Little Caesar's #508, Main Street, 866-4685.

Western Disposal Services, Inc. 9701 Lona Lane NE, Albuquerque, 797-9420.

Anna K. Martinez, P.O. Box 3492, 565-4247.

A Mind's Eye Tattoo Valley 2, 1400 Main Street Suite F, 865-6565.

Legal Secretary Services, 347 Teles SW, 865-5587.

Southwest Specialty Systems LLC, P.O. Box 1902, 565-8223.

Father & Son Property Preservation LLC, 06 Ashcroft Court, Peralta, 350-3359.

Love's Locksmithing, 3 Sego Place, 818-1816.

No Smoking Allowed

The following is an excerpt from the Village Municipal Code, available at www.loslunasnm.gov.

The Village of Los Lunas Municipal Code prohibits smoking in any indoor workplace or indoor public place or in buses, taxicabs or other means of public transit not specifically exempted in the municipal code.

Among the places where smoking is allowed are a private residence, except during hours of business operation while it is being used commercially to provide child care, adult care or health care or any combination of those activities; a retail tobacco store; a cigar bar; a state-licensed gaming facility, casino or bingo parlor; designated outdoor smoking areas; private clubs; a limousine under private hire; and hotel and motel rooms rented to guests and designated as smoking-permitted rooms.

Attend A Council Meeting!

The Los Lunas Village Council meets twice monthly in the council chambers in the administration building at 660 Main St. NW. Remaining 2010 dates are:

September 23 October 7 & 21

November 4 & 18 December 2 & 16

Meetings begin at 6 p.m. Meetings may be canceled or rescheduled so check with officials at 839-3840 or the village website at www.loslunasnm.gov.

VILLAGE OFFICIALS
Robert Vialpando Mayor
Councilors
Cecilia CC Castillo Charles Griego
Richard Lovato Gerard Saiz
Municipal Judge Jeff Aragon
Police Chief Roy E. Melnick
Fire Chief Atiliano "Lito" Chavez
Village Administrator Peter Fernandez

New Economic Development Manager Hired for Village

The Village's new Economic Development Manager comes to the village after 15 years working for the City of Albuquerque.

Ralph L. Mims, a resident of Los Lunas, came to work for the village this summer after working on economic development in the Planning Department of the Metropolitan Redevelopment Agency for the City of Albuquerque. He worked four years as a zoning inspector before joining the Metropolitan Redevelopment Agency in 1999.

Mims says his duties include spurring private investment by attracting businesses to the village which will add to Gross Receipts Tax (GRT) revenue. The GRT is a major revenue source for the village.

"Since I'm a resident of the village I have a great deal of incentive to help create positive growth in our community," said Mims.

He wants to retain the village's "character" while increasing business and economic opportunities.

Mims will be working extensively with the home based business initiative which the village is participating in.

The position of Economic Development Manager is new at the village, created to help Los Lunas grow in a positive manner.

Work at Home? Village Is Part of Pilot Program

Village staff and volunteers are meeting to discuss living in Los Lunas and working in Los Lunas at home as part of a pilot program in the community.

People working from their homes are a growing segment of the population. Los Lunas and Rio Rancho have been chosen to be part of a live and work project that focuses attention on those working at home.

Contact Ralph L. Mims at the village to be part of the Los Lunas project or if you want more information. He can be reached at 839-3840 or mimsr@loslunasnm.gov.

Valencia County Photo Contest

Do you love taking photographs in and of Valencia County? Then you might be interested in the Belen Art League's Valencia County Around the Clock Photography Contest.

Entry forms for the contest, open to the public, are available at many local businesses.

The contest has adult and youth categories.

For more information call 861-0217.

Fall Museum Events Offer Lots of Choices

From September 25 through October 16 the Los Lunas Museum of Heritage and Arts will feature a photographic display of historical bars/taverns that existed in Valencia County from the 1950s through 2000.

Many of these structures no longer exist and this is an opportunity to see the before and after photographs of the buildings and the sites.

The museum is located at Main Street and Luna Avenue under the water tower.

On Saturday, October 9, Bill Bailey, a Valencia County western musician, will lecture on country music in the Southwest as well as play music from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Los Lunas Transportation Center, 751 Juan Perea Road.

On Saturday, October 23, Dr. Margaret "Maggie" Espinosa McDonald will speak on the life of United States Senator Dennis Chavez. She will address the "Corrido of Bataan" and the "Corrido de Dennis Chavez," both inspired by Senator Chavez's role in passing legislation to assist survivors of the Bataan Death March and their families.

The Smithsonian New Harmonies Traveling Exhibition opens at the museum on November 13 for a run through December 25.

On Saturday, November 13, Kenneth B. Kepeler and Jeanie McLerie, both state scholars for the New Mexico Humanities Council and the New Harmonies Exhibition, will perform traditional American Roots music and discuss its origin variations in style by region and culture, the impact of music on culture and culture on music within communities.

Ride the Bosque Trail Oct. 9

The 3rd Annual Ride the Bosque Trail will begin at 8 a.m. Saturday, October 9, at the Riverside Park by the Rio Grande in Los Lunas.

The ride, which is 6.5 miles from Los Lunas to Isleta Lakes, is a fund raiser for Habitat for Humanity of Valencia County, Inc. It provides an opportunity for walkers, riders and hay wagons to use a trail along the east side of the Rio Grande.

A housing fair, food and entertainment will be at the end of the trail.

Parking for large vehicles will be available as will transportation for the return trip.

For more information call Habitat for Humanity of Valencia County, Inc., at 839-3851 or email TrailRide@habitatvalencia.org.

Trek For Trash Community Cleanup

Saturday, September 25, 2010

7 a.m. - 11 a.m.

Meet at the front of the
Village Administration Building
Main Street and Don Pasqual

Groups and Individuals Welcome!
Help Clean Up Our Community!

Call Marie at the
Village of Los Lunas
for more information
352-7658

Vests and bags provided



*Statewide GO
Bond Issue "B":
Library Acquisitions
Nov. 2nd General Election
Total: \$7 million*

**** Which libraries will benefit?**

- Public Libraries will receive \$2 million for books, equipment and resources.
- Public School Libraries will receive \$2 million for library books, equipment and library resources.
- Academic Libraries will receive \$2 million for library resource acquisitions.
- Tribal Libraries will receive \$1 million for books, equipment and resources.

**** Valencia County's public, school and academic libraries would receive these estimated amounts:**

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| • Belen Public Library: \$26,660 | • Belen School District \$40,561 |
| • Bosque Farms Public Library \$8,603 | • Los Lunas Public Library \$35,178 |
| • Los Lunas School District \$42,730 | • UNM-Valencia Library \$29,004 |

**** Past GO Bond appropriations allowed the Los Lunas Public Library to:**

- Update the reference books in the adult and junior collections.
- Update the non-fiction books in the adult and junior collections.
- Create a community computer lab.
- Purchase books, audios and computers to create a Teen Zone.
- Expand the Spanish collection for both adults and children.
- Expand the audio and video collections.
- Purchase and subscribe to genealogical reference materials for our branch library, the Museum of Heritage and Arts.

**** Impact on the Community:**

- A diverse collection for entertainment, career, education and research in a variety of formats.
- Easy access to government information such as Social Security and immigration.
- High speed internet and free basic computer training.
- Patrons utilize the library computers to create resumes, job search and apply for employment.

State sources estimate the annual cost for this bond is 45¢ per \$100,000 of the assessed valuation of a home over a 10 - year period.

**For more information, contact Cynthia Shetter,
Director, Los Lunas Public Library, 839-3850**